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THE AFRO-AMERICAN SONS AND DAUGHTERS HOSPITAL

At the Grand Lodge in Lexington last August, the Custodian recommended the erection of a hospital some time during 1928. This recommendation was unanimously agreed to by the Grand Lodge. As all the older members of the order know, this hospital idea for the order and race was one of the prime objectives of the order from its birth. But we all know that to build a hospital of any consequence you must have money. We all know that we started to build up this hospital fund by a quarterly tax of 50 cents per member. It is indeed wonderful to think that just a few months ago we didn't have a single fifty cent piece with which to begin this very big task.

I venture the assertion that not even the founder dreamed of being ready to build the first hospital in so short a time. It happily and pleasingly far surpassed all our fondest hopes. Therefore when our Custodian broke the news that all would be ready in 1928 for our first hospital, it sent a thrill of joy to the hearts of every member of the order, as well as every race-loving Negro in the State.

Hospitals in our country, like the Church and School, are cornerstones to our civilization, for when we think of hospitals we necessarily think of the progress of medical science; and in this particular instance we think of that progress as made by doctors of our own race group. Again, we think of the race overcoming its many handicaps, and that thought in itself engenders hope and patience in the struggling and rising Sons and Daughters of our group, that ere long all will be well for us.

When this hospital is complete and manned by the efficient Dr. L. T. Miller and his helpers, the unfortunate and the sick among us will look

to this Temple of Health and commend themselves to the beauty of the spirit of co-operation and self-help as an organization and a united effort of the whole race to sympathize with and to nurse them back to health. Second, they think of its comforts and service to them—though poor, yet the equal of the rich.

Not only do the members of the order take pride in the erection of a hospital at this time, but the leading citizens, both white and colored, all over the State are showing their interest in it, and many cities are bidding for it to come to them.

A FOWL GAME.

So many of the lodges remembered the Custodian last Christmas in the way of chickens, turkeys and geese, until he is building a big crate this year that the fowls sent him by the lodges will be well cared for until they are needed. All who send presents or gifts will be published in the Afro-American Courier.

NEW ORGANIZER.

The Custodian has secured the service of Rev. P. H. Young, Belzoni, Miss., as Supreme Organizer for the Afro-American Sons and Daughters. He is well qualified, and I recommend him to work in all lodges in writing new members and organize new numbers.

The first move Brother Young made after his appointment was to bring back an old number at Anguilla, held a banquet at Clarksdale St. John Lodge, and took in 24 members.

Two lodges passed the \$100.00 mark for November—C. L. Page, Sunflower Bell, Sunflower, Miss., and Peter Pool, of Love Feast Lodge, Louise, Miss. Keep watch—others will follow by January. ■